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MECHANIZATION AND EXPANSION OF POLISH AGRICULTURE

FORM MINISTRY OF STATE FARMS -- Warsaw, Przeglad Rolniczy, Jul 51

The great task facing the PGR (Państwowe Gospodarstwa Rolne, State Farms) in the realization of the Six-Year Plan require efficient organization of work. During 1951, the value of the production of PGR is to exceed 1950 production by 44 percent. The internal costs of the PGR in 1951 are to be reduced by 8.2 percent.

During the coming years, PGR will receive 10,050 tractor sheave binders, 1,000 grain combines, 9,350 tractor mowers, and a large number of seeders, diggers, and other modern machines and tools.

The realization of the Six-Year Plan will provide 13,000 additional tractors calculated on the basis of 15-horsepower units.

The PGR are to become model socialist farms. They are to become the lever of progress in agriculture. They also have the task of acclimating plants not cultivated in Poland. By following the example of Soviet agriculture and by cooperating with the experimental stations, PGR will achieve results in livestock and crop production unknown of in Poland up to now.

To make the realization of such great tasks easier for the PGR, the Sejm has enacted a law for the formation of the Ministry of State Farms whose scope of activities will include all the problems pertaining to livestock and crop production, management of truck gardens, fisheries, breeding of plants and livestock, food processing plants, and the repair of mechanical equipment for PGR use.

The solution of many problems which underlie the fulfillment of PGR tasks in the Six-Year Plan demands an efficient and flexible management. This, the former Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform could not provide since it had under its jurisdiction all the problems connected with the entire agricultural economy of Poland. On the recommendation of the chairman of the Council of Ministers, the President of the Republic of Poland appointed Hilary Chelchowski,

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vice chairman of the Council of Ministers, as Minister of State Farms. Wacław Rozga and Stanisław Tkaczow were appointed undersecretaries of the Ministry of State Farms.

INCREASE AGRICULTURAL YIELD -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 14 Feb 51

Poland is to increase its area of arable land by 2 percent during the current year, compared with 1950. Cultivation of wheat is to attain 110 percent of last year's yield, and plants for industrial use and fodder plants, 120.3 and 110 percent, respectively. Summer planting of 9.2 million hectares has been scheduled.

Farmers will receive 934,000 tons of artificial fertilizer, 95,000 tons of seed grain, and 110,000 tons of seed potatoes. During the spring planting season, the state farms will cultivate approximately 13,000 hectares of meadows and pastures, and, in addition, will raise fodder plants on 37,000 hectares of land. In the vicinity of large cities, industrial districts, and health resorts, state farms will also raise vegetables on an area of about 691,000 square meters. Acclimated plants, such as rice, kok-sagyz (high in natural rubber content), etc., will also be raised on these state farms.

INCREASED USE OF MACHINE RENTAL STATIONS -- Berlin, Die Deutsche Landwirtschaft, Jul/Aug 50

Machine rental stations were used to a greater degree in 1950 than previously. Taking part in spring planting were 2,900 machine rental stations, 4,200 auxiliary stations, and 2,500 temporary stations. They did twice as much plowing as in 1949, and sowed 544,000 hectares of land.

KRAKOW STUDENTS HELP DESTROY COLZA PESTS -- Frankfurt/Main, Nowe Wiadomosci Polskie, 3 Jun 51

Students from the agricultural school of the University of Krakow went into the countryside of Krakow Wojewodztwo to help destroy the pests threatening the colza (sweetener) plants. The students also helped combat the pests in the fruit orchards.

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